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Examiner: Dinh, Tuan T.

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the examiners request for election of species dated July 07, 2006. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the species elected. No fee is due by virtue of this election. However, if the PTO decides that a fee is due, please charge Applicants' deposit account, 09-0456.

The Examiner indicates that applicants' response to examiner's prior office action dated March 21, 2006 requiring a restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a PCB, classified in class 361

II. Claims 17-20, drawn to a method of measuring a current on a PCB, classified in class 29, subclass 830+

was not fully responsive because applicants failed to elect what species (I-II).

Applicants elect the claims of Group I and elect Specie I, without traverse, directed to a PCB. Thus, the claims that are readable on Group I and the elected Specie I and variations for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable include: claims 1-10, and 12 - 16.

Also, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants wish to re-open consideration of claims to additional species and variations which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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